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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 5, 2002, entry and  
consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend the claims as follows.

89. (Amended) The recombinant vector according to claim 67, wherein said  
vector is avipox.

90. (Amended) The recombinant vector according to claim 67, wherein said  
vector is Ankara Modified Virus (AMV).